

### **We Claim as Our Invention**

1. A method for call forwarding in a communications network having a plurality of first and second subscriber lines, wherein a call made to a first subscriber line is switched in a first operating mode to the first subscriber line and is signaled on  
5 at least one selected second subscriber line for call answering, and a call made to a first subscriber line is switched in a second operating mode to a selected second subscriber line for call answering and is signaled on at least one of the first subscriber line and at least one further second subscriber line, the method comprising the steps of:  
10 assigning to a call acceptance group both a single first subscriber line and at least one second subscriber line provided for a call transfer originating from the first subscriber line; and  
at least one of forwarding and signaling a call made to the first subscriber line within the call acceptance group to the second subscriber line.  
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2. A method for call forwarding in a communications network as claimed in Claim 1, wherein a call acceptance group is set up for each first subscriber line.
- 20 3. A method for call forwarding in a communications network as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the call acceptance group can be configured for use encompassing multiple communications systems.
4. A method for call forwarding in a communications network as  
25 claimed in Claim 1, wherein the first and second operating modes are signaled on at least one of the first subscriber line and a second subscriber line.
5. A method for call forwarding in a communications network as  
30 claimed in Claim 1, wherein a call made to a first subscriber line is transferred in the first operating mode, following input of user information, to the at least one further second subscriber line on which the call made to the first subscriber line was signaled, and a call diverted to a second subscriber line is picked up in the second

operating mode, following input of user information, on an associated first subscriber line.

6. A method for call forwarding in a communications network as
- 5 claimed in Claim 1, wherein a call made to a first subscriber line is diverted to the second subscriber line on which corresponding user information was first entered.